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Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Is it a fact that some of these teachers were given the benefit of retrospective increments and that about 800 teachers are not given that increment, and if so, will the Government re-examine the case?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : My answer was that the Government had issued orders regularising the services of teachers with retrospective effect. Therefore, they should have got the increment with retrospective effect. Only the arrears have not been paid and I am informed that arrears were not paid in any case.

Sri S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Even the arrears have been paid to 174 teachers. Only the balance of 772 teachers have not been paid the arrears. Have the Government gone into that?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : Ordinarily the arrears paid should be recovered. But the payment has been made and we have allowed it to be retained. Simply because there was a mistake in one case, we cannot allow it to be extended to other cases.

Sri S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Whose fault is it in not regularising the service of the teachers from the date of joining?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : I have not gone into the records to locate responsibility.

Sri S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Is it the fault of the district board in not regularising their services from the date of their appointment and regularising them at a later date? If so, do not the Government think that the teachers are eligible for their salary? Will they reconsider the matter and order payment of the arrears?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : There are precedents for such cases. Wherever the mistake is, whenever retrospective effect is given for regularisation of services, arrears are not paid and we do not want to create a new precedent.

Panchayat Elementary Schools

3-10 p.m. * 316 *Q.*—Sri T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the salary for the teachers in the Board and Panchayat Elementary Schools in the taluks of Uthiramerur, Thirukalikundram and Sriperumbudur, Chingleput district, from 1st April 1960 to 1st October 1960 has not been paid; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) No, Sir. The salaries have been paid.

(*b*) Does not arise.